

Nebraska Agri-Facts

Issue 02-2004, released January 15, 2004, by the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA . For more information contact us at: 100 Centennial Mall North, Suite 298, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-437-5541, e-mail at nass-ne@nass.usda.gov, Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>.

IN THIS ISSUE

Grain & Hay Stocks
Row Crops & Hay - Annual
Grain Storage Capacity
Wheat Seedings
Government Payments

Dear producers and other data users:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

Mark Harris
State Statistician

Stocks of Grain and Hay

Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2003, in Nebraska totaled 967 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year. **Wheat** stored in all positions totaled 59 million bushels, up 13 percent from a year ago. **Soybean** stocks totaled 134 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year and the lowest since 1998. **Sorghum** stocks totaled 32 million bushels, up 29 percent from 2002 and the second lowest since 1956. **Hay** stocks on Nebraska farms totaled 5.2 million tons, up 54 percent from last year.

United States **corn** stocks in all positions on December 1, 2003 totaled 7.94 billion bushels, up 4 percent from December 1, 2002. **Wheat** stored in all positions totaled 1.52 billion bushels, up 15 percent from a year ago. **Soybean** stocks totaled 1.69 billion bushels, down 20 percent from December 1, 2002. **Sorghum** stocks totaled 234 million bushels, up 1 percent from a year ago. **Hay** stocks stored on farms totaled 111 million tons, up 7 percent from the previous year.

Grain and Hay Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2001-2003

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Dec 1, 2001	Dec 1, 2002	Dec 1, 2003	2003 2002	Dec 1, 2001	Dec 1, 2002	Dec 1, 2003	2003 2002
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				<i>1,000 Bushels</i>			
Corn				<i>Percent</i>				<i>Percent</i>
On Farms	670,000	530,000	650,000	123	5,275,000	4,800,000	5,286,000	110
Off Farms ¹	370,485	325,944	317,438	97	2,989,715	2,837,971	2,658,779	94
Total All Positions	1,040,485	855,944	967,438	113	8,264,715	7,637,971	7,944,779	104
All Wheat								
On Farms	12,000	8,700	14,500	167	517,890	384,800	491,925	128
Off Farms ¹	52,024	43,603	44,839	103	1,105,565	935,069	1,029,159	110
Total All Positions	64,024	52,303	59,339	113	1,623,455	1,319,869	1,521,084	115
Soybeans								
On Farms	65,000	56,000	42,000	75	1,240,000	1,170,000	820,000	70
Off Farms ¹	102,659	84,827	92,167	109	1,035,618	943,373	866,381	92
Total All Positions	167,659	140,827	134,167	95	2,275,618	2,113,373	1,686,381	80
Sorghum								
On Farms	12,000	6,700	9,000	134	72,400	53,600	45,200	84
Off Farms ¹	24,340	18,461	23,418	127	241,477	178,252	188,507	106
Total All Positions	36,340	25,161	32,418	129	313,877	231,852	233,707	101
Oats								
On Farms	1,300	1,300	1,900	146	58,100	52,500	64,300	122
Off Farms ¹	*	*	*		56,117	51,284	54,918	107
Total All Positions	*	*	*		114,217	103,784	119,218	115
All Hay	<i>1,000 tons</i>				<i>1,000 tons</i>			
On Farms	4,800	3,400	5,244	154	110,510	103,692	110,752	107

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. * Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 12, 2004. USDA NASS Crop Production, January 12, 2004.

**Crop Summary: Acres Harvested, Yield and Production,
Nebraska and United States, 2001-2003**

Classification		Nebraska				United States			
		2001	2002	2003	2003 2002	2001	2002	2003	2003 2002
Percent						Percent			
Corn for Grain									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	7,750	7,350	7,700	105	68,808	69,313	71,139	103
Yield	Bushels	*147.0	128.0	146.0	114	138.2	130.0	142.2	109
Production	1,000 Bushels	1,139,250	940,800	1,124,200	119	9,506,840	9,007,659	10,113,887	112
Corn for Silage									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	275	475	300	63	6,148	7,490	6,528	87
Yield	Tons	*17.0	9.5	12.0	126	16.6	14.0	16.2	116
Production	1,000 Tons	4,675	4,513	3,600	80	102,077	104,979	105,864	101
Sorghum for Grain									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	425	300	500	167	8,584	7,299	7,798	107
Yield	Bushels	84.0	50.0	62.0	124	59.9	50.7	52.7	104
Production	1,000 Bushels	35,700	15,000	31,000	207	514,524	369,758	411,237	111
Sorghum for Silage									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	20	25	35	140	336	352	343	97
Yield	Tons	11.0	7.5	9.5	127	11.1	9.5	10.4	109
Production	1,000 Tons	220	188	333	177	3,728	3,360	3,552	106
Soybeans for Beans									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	*4,900	4,580	4,490	98	72,975	72,437	72,321	100
Yield	Bushels	45.5	38.5	40.0	104	39.6	38.0	33.4	88
Production	1,000 Bushels	*222,950	176,330	179,600	102	2,890,682	2,749,340	2,417,565	88
All Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	3,250	3,250	3,150	97	63,521	64,497	63,342	98
Yield	Tons	2.33	1.83	2.41	132	2.47	2.34	2.48	106
Production	1,000 Tons	7,578	5,950	7,600	128	156,764	150,962	157,123	104
Alfalfa Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,450	1,350	1,450	107	23,822	23,135	23,578	102
Yield	Tons	3.55	3.00	3.60	120	3.37	3.19	3.24	102
Production	1,000 Tons	5,148	4,050	5,220	129	80,327	73,824	76,307	103
All Other Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,800	1,900	1,700	89	39,699	41,362	39,764	96
Yield	Tons	1.35	1.00	1.40	140	1.93	1.86	2.03	109
Production	1,000 Tons	2,430	1,900	2,380	125	76,437	77,138	80,816	105
Proso Millet									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	180	65	170	262	585	220	620	282
Yield	Bushels	31.0	13.0	19.0	146	33.2	12.5	18.5	148
Production	1,000 Bushels	5,580	845	3,230	382	19,405	2,755	11,450	416
Potatoes, All									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	22.4	21.8	23.2	106	1,222.2	1,270.3	1,250.3	98
Yield	Cwt.	375	395	*425	108	358	362	367	101
Production	1,000 Cwt.	8,400	8,611	9,860	115	437,888	459,802	459,045	100
Beans, Dry Edible									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	148.0	165.0	148.0	90	1,248.5	1,726.9	1,346.9	78
Yield	Pounds	*2,150	2,100	2,130	101	1,569	1,736	1,672	96
Production	1,000 Cwt.	3,185	3,465	3,151	91	19,583	29,974	22,515	75
Sugar Beets									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	41.4	42.0	42.4	101	1,243.4	1,361.1	1,347.9	99
Yield	Tons	20.3	18.1	20.3	112	20.7	20.4	22.7	111
Production	1,000 Tons	840	760	861	113	25,764	27,718	30,605	110
Sunflowers									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	79	45	62	138	2,555	2,180	2,197	101
Yield	Lbs.	1,055	549	934	170	1,338	1,142	1,213	106
Production	1,000 Lbs.	83,350	24,700	57,900	234	3,418,759	2,489,606	2,665,226	107
Sunflowers - Oil									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	50	34	48	141	2,060	1,815	1,874	103
Yield	Lbs.	1,000	500	900	180	1,361	1,140	1,206	106
Production	1,000 Lbs.	50,000	17,000	43,200	254	2,803,704	2,069,780	2,259,666	109
Sunflowers - Non-Oil									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	29	11	14	127	495	365	323	88
Yield	Lbs.	1,150	700	1,050	150	1,243	1,150	1,256	109
Production	1,000 Lbs.	33,350	7,700	14,700	191	615,055	419,826	405,560	97

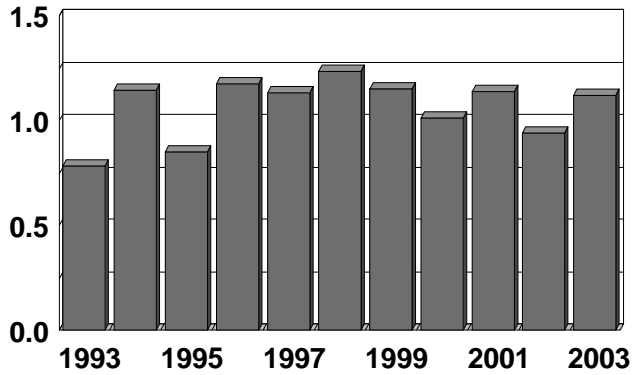
* Record high.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production January 12, 2004.

NEBRASKA CORN PRODUCTION

Annual Crop Production Report

Billions of Bushels

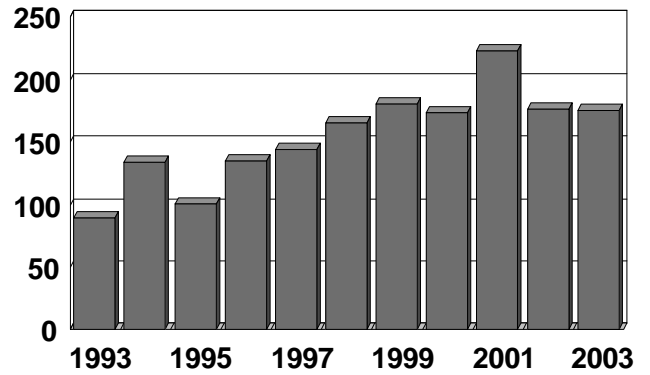


Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, January 12, 2004

NEBRASKA SOYBEAN PRODUCTION

Annual Crop Production Report

Millions of Bushels

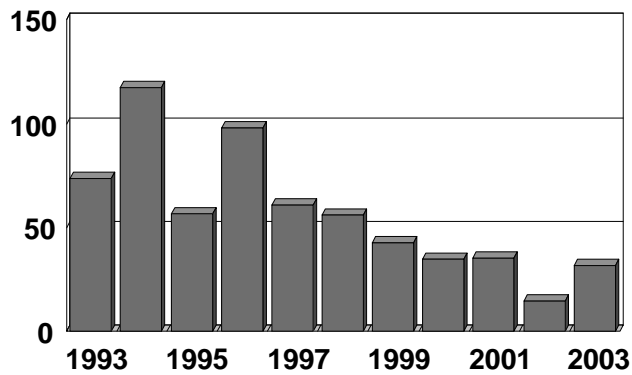


Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, January 12, 2004

NEBRASKA SORGHUM PRODUCTION

Annual Crop Production Report

Millions of Bushels

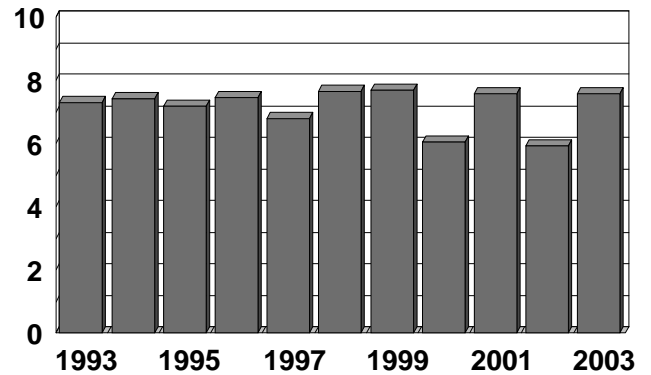


Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, January 12, 2004

NEBRASKA ALL HAY PRODUCTION

Annual Crop Production Report

Millions of Tons

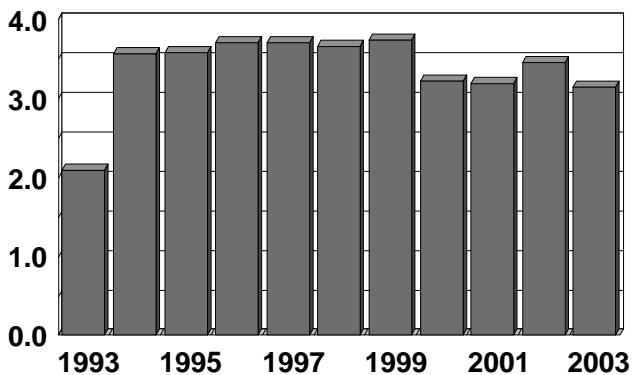


Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, January 12, 2004

NEBRASKA DRY BEAN PRODUCTION

Annual Crop Production Report

Millions of Hundredweight

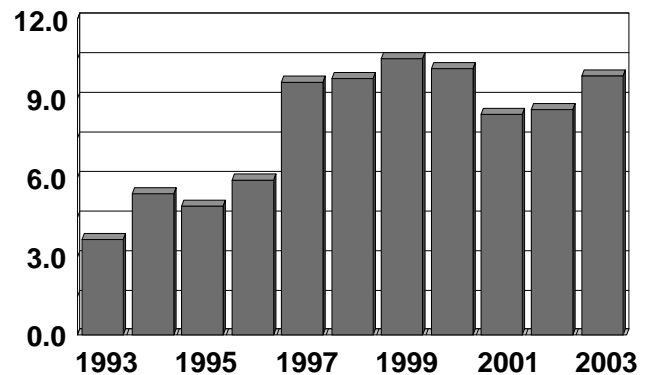


Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, January 12, 2004

NEBRASKA POTATO PRODUCTION

Annual Crop Production Report

Millions of Hundredweight



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, January 12, 2004

Grain Storage Capacity

There were 508 commercially licensed off-farm grain storage facilities in Nebraska as of December 1, 2003. Storage capacity for these facilities totaled 712 million bushels, up 3 percent from a year ago.

In the United States, off-farm grain storage facilities totaled 9,796 on December 1, 2003, up 3 percent from December 1, 2002. Capacity of off-farm commercial grain storage totaled 8.50 billion bushels, on December 1, 2003, down fractionally from December 1, 2002.

Off Farm Storage: Number and Capacity, Nebraska and United States, December 1, 2002-2003

State	Facilities		Storage Capacity	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				
Nebraska	508	508	690,405	711,910
United States	9,516	9,796	8,506,104	8,498,523

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 12, 2004.

On-farm storage capacity in Nebraska is estimated at 960 million bushels, down 1 percent from last year.

The United States on-farm storage capacity totaled 11.0 billion bushels on December 1, 2003, down 1 percent from December 1, 2002.

On Farm Storage: Capacity, Nebraska and United States, December 1, 2002-2003

State	Storage Capacity	
	2002	2003
<i>Million Bushels</i>		
Nebraska	970	960
United States	11,070	10,970

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 12, 2004.

Winter Wheat Seedings

Nebraska's winter wheat seedings for the 2004 crop is expected to total 1.9 million acres, unchanged from last year. Seeding was underway by the first of September. Minimal rainfall allowed seeding to progress at a slightly faster than normal pace. At the end of December, the crop condition rated 36 percent good or excellent, near the 38 percent of a year ago.

Winter Wheat Seedings: Nebraska and United States, 2002-2004

State	Area Seeded All Purposes			
	Crop of			2004
	2002	2003	2004	2003
<i>1,000 Acres</i> <i>Percent</i>				
Nebraska	1,650	1,900	1,900	100
United States	41,845	44,945	43,464	97

Source: USDA NASS Wheat Seedings January 12, 2004.

Nebraska's Government Payments, 2002

In 2002, Nebraska producers collected \$485 million in government payments. This was 63 percent less than the \$1.30 billion in 2001 and 66 percent less than the \$1.41 billion in 2000.

Government Payments: By Program, Nebraska, 2002

Program	Dollars
	<i>\$1,000</i>
Production Flexibility Contracts	243,309
Fixed Direct Payments	17,621
Loan Deficiency Payments	55,368
Marketing Loan Gains	19,598
Milk Income Loss Payments	7,306
Conservation	72,423
Ad Hoc and Emergency Programs	68,461
Miscellaneous	1,005
Total Payments	485,091

Source: USDA ERS

PRESORTED STANDARD
POSTAGE & FEES PAID
USDA PERMIT NO. G-38

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service
P.O. Box 81069
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501-1069
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED